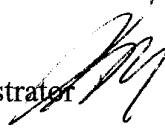


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 15, 2004 (BOS Mtg.10/26/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Reduction in Funding for Public Safety Offices and Programs

Correspondence has been received from the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board (CCCJB) (attached) requesting the County's support in petitioning the state to restore the revenue reductions made during the past several years. The CCCJB has adopted a resolution requesting the restoration of funds, and is asking all area jurisdictions to join it in doing the same. At its legislative breakfast to be held October 29, all jurisdictions supporting this action will be recognized.

I recommend the adoption of proposed Resolution R04-155.

JOM/Simmons/3325

Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board

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September 22, 2004

Thomas G. Sheppard Jr., Chair
York County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 532
Yorktown, VA 23690

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

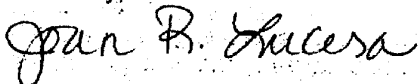
Allow me to introduce myself - I am the Criminal Justice Planner for the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board (CCCJB). Our Board has representatives from six localities: Charles City County, James City County, New Kent County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, and York County. The CCCJB examines issues surrounding the entire criminal justice system in the localities we serve, and strives to educate the public and encourage citizens' participation.

Each year, the CCCJB hosts a Legislative Breakfast, which will be held this year on Friday, October 29, 2004, at 7:45 am, at the JCC/Williamsburg Community Center. This event is designed to educate and inform our local legislators, government officials, and the public, on issues critical to public safety and the criminal justice system in the six represented localities. Our theme for this year's breakfast is "Who is Responsible for Public Safety in Our Communities?" We will address issues that are affecting various criminal justice agencies' ability to carry out their duties in the most effective and beneficial manner for the public. Specifically, we will focus on the consequences of the state's steady decrease in funding for public safety offices and programs over the last several years. These cuts have caused localities to increase the amount of funding they must contribute toward public safety in order to keep these offices and programs operating at functional levels. Some local governing bodies are in a better position to cover these losses than others. Even for those localities that are financially able to replace lost state revenues, how long can this funding approach continue before public safety is seriously compromised?

With this question in mind, the CCCJB adopted the attached resolution, which we present to you and your Board today. We ask for your support, through officially adopting this resolution, by joining us in petitioning the state to restore the revenue reductions made during the past several years. All localities that endorse our position will be recognized at the Legislative Breakfast.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions regarding the Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board or the Legislative Breakfast, please do not hesitate to contact me at 564-2319 or e-mail: jlucera@james-city.va.us.

Sincerely,



Joan R. Lucera, Criminal Justice Planner

Encl.

Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board

Resolution

WHEREAS, funding for public safety services and programs on the local government level has historically been a partnership between local governments and the Commonwealth of Virginia;

WHEREAS, the level of funding received from the Commonwealth for public safety services and programs on the local level has been significantly reduced over the past several fiscal years, particularly funds in support of court constitutional offices and regional jails;

WHEREAS, local governments in order to avoid placing public safety in jeopardy have been forced to allocate local revenues to offset the reductions in revenues historically received from the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the citizens of _____ are
(Locality)

petitioning the Commonwealth of Virginia to restore the revenue cutbacks made during the past several years and return to the historical partnership between the Commonwealth of Virginia and its local governments for the funding of public safety services and programs.